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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT - DR. JOHN ACKAH BLAY-
MIEZAH

REF: A. ACCRA 1084, B. STATE 233920

1. TETTEH OF GHANA EMBASSY CALLED ON DESKOFF MARCH 1 TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF BLAY-MIEZAH. HE SAID GHANAIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL SENT LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTRY INSTRUCTING MINISTRY TO DROP PLANS SEEK BLAY-MIEZAH'S EXTRADITION. OTHER INFLUENTIAL GHANAIS ALSO INVOLVED IN EFFORT REABILITATE BLAY-MIEZAH. HOWEVER, TETTEH SAID THIS CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN ABORTED, AND HE EXPECTS EMBASSY EVENTUALLY WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM ACCRA TO FORMALLY REQUEST EXTRADITION.

2. BLAY-MIEZAH OBTAINED COPY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S LETTER AND IS USING IT TO ATTEMPT PERSUADE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN THAT GHANA GOVERNMENT DROPPING CHARGES AGAINST HIM. TETTEH SAID EMBASSY INVESTIGATING HOW BLAY-MIEZAH OBTAINED THIS AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION DEALING WITH HIS CASE FROM EMBASSY SOURCE.

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3. AFTER EMBASSY WROTE NUMEROUS AMERICAN FIRMS WARNING THEM OF BLAY-MIEZAH'S BACKGROUND, BLAY-MIEZAH MADE THREATENING TELEPHONE CALL TO EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, ACCORDING TETTEH. DESKOFF SUGGESTED EMBASSY PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH FULL DETAILS IN WRITING FOR FORWARDING TO INS AND POLICE AUTHORITIES. TETTEH EXPRESSED OPINION BLAY-MIEZAH CAPABLE OF DESPERATE ACT.

4. GOG AWARE BLAY-MIEZAH IN CONTACT WITH KROBO EDUSEI AND KANKAM-BOADU. TETTEH SAID ONE QUOTE HIGH PLACED GHANAIA UNQUOTE EVEN REPORTED SEEING BLAY-MIEZAH IN ACCRA RECENTLY. CASEY

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